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SUBJECT: LEBANESE INVOLVEMENT IN HOSTILITIES

1. LEBANESE MINDEF ISSUED OFFICIAL STATEMENT EVENING
OCT 11 ON LEBANON'S POLICY RE PRESENT ARAB-ISRAELI
HOSTILITIES. HE SAID THAT LEBANON'S ROLE, AS DEFINED
BY ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL, IS NOT RPT NOT THAT OF COMBATANT.
IN EVENT OF ATTACK, "PRECISE ORDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN
ARMED FORCES TO DEFEND COUNTRY" BUT GOL STILL ADHERES
TO 1949 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. MALOUF REFERRED TO ROCKETS
WHICH HIT ARMY BARRACKS AT KHIAM (NOTE: FIRED BY
FEDAYEEN ON OCT 10) AS BEING WORK "OF IRRESPONSIBLE
ELEMENTS SEEKING CREATE TROUBLE". HE SAID THAT FEDAYEEN
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LEADERS HAVE COMPLIED WITH "IMPERATIVES OF NATIONAL INTEREST

WITHIN LIMITS OF THEIR MEANS AND ORGANIZATION". HE
ADDED THAT ROLE ASSIGNED TO FEDAYEEN BY "SUPREME ARAB
COMMAND" IS TO FIGHT ON "FRONTS WHERE THERE IS COMBAT"
AND THAT THEY MUST NOT FIGHT ON OTHER FRONTS WHICH ARE
NOT INVOLVED IN HOSTILITIES.

2. AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD OCT 11 THAT PRIMIN MEETING ALL
MAJOR FEDAYEEN LEADERS TO EXPLAIN NECESSITY AVOID
PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS. MINDEF STATEMENT MEANT TO DEFINE
GOL POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND SERVE AS WARNING
TO FEDAYEEN. ARMY CONTINUING DO WHAT IT CAN PREVENT
BORDER CROSSINGS AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, CROSS-BORDER FIRING.
DECON 10/12/74.
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